



# MINUTES

What: BiodiverCity Advisory Committee

When: 11 Jan 2017  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Heritage Boardroom, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Calgary Public Building  
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Item	Who	Duration	Action
<b>1 Welcome and carry over agenda items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve previous minutes</li> <li>Review action items:</li> <li>Update from Steven on Bee City letter</li> <li>Update from Steven on Alex's letter</li> <li>Projects update from Steven (Seed mix guidelines; edible plants; soil handling; wildlife report; pesticide toxicity)</li> <li>Update from Natasha/Ethan/Jason on CoC survey</li> </ul>	All	15 mins To 5:15	(Decision on minutes; Discussion)
<b>2 Discussion on Biodiversity Implementation Plan comments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General discussion</li> <li>Action items review</li> </ul>	All	15 mins To 5:30	(Information)
<b>3 Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Utilities &amp; Environmental Protection work on biodiversity</b></li> <li><b>Water work on biodiversity</b></li> <li><b>Transportation work on biodiversity</b></li> <li><b>Planning work on biodiversity</b></li> </ul>	Jason Proche Natasha Kuzmak Ethan Askey TBD	To 6:30 15 mins 15 mins 15 mins 15 mins	(Information)
<b>4 LAB City Case Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on value of reviewing other LAB city actions for input into SPC annual report and informing draft biodiversity implementation plan</li> </ul>	Natasha/all	15 mins To 6:45	(Next steps)




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awareness for overlap with reviews conducted by Angie</li> </ul>			
<b>5</b>	<b>Plans for next meetings</b>	All	15 mins To 7:00	(Next steps)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda discussion/next speakers</li> <li>BAC relevance: Heart of the City conference in March?</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>			

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## Minutes

Chair: John McFaul  
 Minutes: Steven Snell

Start: 5:05

Happy New Year!

### Item 1

December minutes approved

ACTION: New letter template – send to Committee members (Steven)

Bee City letter – currently being review by the Parks Director

Letters to BAC ex-chair and presenters have been sent by Steven via email

Steven provided updates on:

- Seed Mix guidelines; eg. Pilot Project Canyon Meadows DR RoW; pollinators/native species/interpretive element for citizen literacy
- Weed edibles/foraging: General information discussion; e.g. NY City has a guide?
- Soil handling: Ensure connection with WR (Erosion control group)
- Wildlife report: General update on status. ACTION: to be presented to and reviewed by BAC
- Pesticide toxicity: General information on status of project and tie-in with Integrated Pest Management Plan revision (forthcoming; to launch in Q1 2017)

CoC survey: ACTION: move item to February agendas

### Item 2

Geoff reviewed comments submitted to Angie on the Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

- Questions around the audience for the plan: Biodiversity-policy-holder, Urban Conservation, Calgary Parks? City? Public? BiodiverCity Advisory Committee? – with a general concern around the complexity of the document, knowing the audience would help inform feedback
- Should the next draft be presented/circulated/discussed to/with the BAC?
- Focus on prioritization matrix element within the plan?
- Is the emphasis on the three targets necessary?
- Should the strategic plan be measured and/or biodiversity in the city itself?
- In general: The document covers the main topics; need to know the audience; simplify language; implications with applicability

### Item 3



Presentations by:

Jason  
Natasha  
Ethan

- General discussion on presentations
- What could be the platform for showcasing biodiversity projects?
- How to ensure better communications on biodiversity-related projects (indirect/direct objectives for biodiversity) happening in business units?

**Item 4**

Should the BAC analyze other LAB cities strategies/plans/etc. ACTION: review Angie's analysis of the LAB cities (Steven)

**Item 5**

Possible presenters:

Marissa Koop: industry, suggested by Chris; ACTION: Chris to contact  
Dave/Jenna: Canyon Meadows WY (naturalization/pollinator patches)  
Brian Makowecki: suggest by Geoff; ACTION: Geoff to contact

Discussed Heart of The City conference; determined not to be relevant to BAC  
AB Canada 150 Grant discussion; ACTION: Chris to meet with Parks event planner for opportunities

Chris/Ethan to meet with Lorna Crowshoe

Adjourn: 7:15